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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ronald Laneau

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 12/28/04 has been entered. Claims 1-2 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wexler (US 5,960,409).

As per claim 1, Wexler discloses a method for advertising, comprising: contracting with a first affiliate web site (third party service) to embed a first link to an advertisement server within content of said first web site (col. 2, lines 43-46), wherein said first link is sent to a user node in response to a request for said content from said user node to said first affiliate web site (col. 2, lines 46-51); receiving a first advertising request from said user node based upon said first link (col. 2, lines 57-61),

As per claim 2, Wexler discloses storing information associated with said first advertising request from said user node (col. 4, lines 61-67); contracting with a second affiliate web site (fourth party) to embed a second link to an advertisement server within content of said second affiliate web site, wherein said second link is sent to said user node in response to a request for said content from said user node to said second affiliate web site (col. 3, line 65 to col. 4, line 9);

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receiving a second advertising request from said user node based upon said second link (col. 4, lines 47-53); and selecting an advertisement, based upon said stored information associated with said first advertising request from said user node, to send to said user node in response to said second advertising request (col. 4, lines 10-18 and 61-67).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 10/19/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Wexler does not disclose or suggest "selecting, in response to said advertisement request, an advertisement based upon stored information about said user node." Contrary to Applicant's arguments, Wexler discloses a banner wherein a user can click to access an advertiser web site through a third party. By clicking on the banner, the user sends a request signal to a third party web site which then redirect the request the advertiser web site which downloads the information originally sought by the user to his web browser. The user at the end does select an advertisement based upon stored information as claimed. As a result, claims 1 and 2 remain rejected.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Laneau whose telephone number is (571) 272-6784. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:30am - 6:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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